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SUBJECT: KYPRIANOU ATTACKS HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS AGAIN

1. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 21, DEALING PRIMARILY WITH FEB. 19 LARNACA AIRPORT UNCLASSIFIED

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INCIDENT, ALSO ANSWERED A QUESTION ABOUT HIS DISCUSSIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE REPORTS WITH GOC PRIMIN CARAMANLIS IN ATHENS. KYPRIANOU CONFIRMED THAT THE REPORTS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND HE LABELLED THEM AS "ADVERSE" TO THE GREEK SIDE. KYPRIANOU STATED HE VIEWED THE REPORTS AS AN "EFFORT AIMED AT HELPING THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO SECURE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO," BUT THAT HE DID NOT

BELIEVE IT HAD BEEN DONE DELIBERATELY BY PRESIDENT CARTER. KYPRIANOU SUGGESTED THAT THE PRESIDENT NOT ADOPT REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS WITHOUT MAKING ABSOLUTELY SURE THEY REFLECTED REALITY. FINALLY, KYPRIANOU NOTED GOC HAS MADE REPRESENTATION TO USG AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO.

2. COMMENT. KYPRIANOU'S REMARKS ARE CONSISTENT WITH HIS PAST COMMENTS ABOUT THE REPORTS AND REFLECT CONTINUED INTENT OF GOC TO CONTEST, BY ALL MEANS AT ITS DISPOSAL, INCLUDING A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IN THE U.S., ANY LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. END COMMENT. CRAWFORD

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